

answered, I posed this to Senator Schmit during the Committee hearing, and some of the other people who appeared for this, and that is what happens when you narrow the real estate base, what happens to those who continue to own real estate? Does this pile the additional tax on those people? With those two comments, and I think both of those are very serious matters. I have difficulty getting this before the House because I don't propose an amendment at the moment, but I may. Senator Lewis, would you explain to me your amendment and whether or not it, in your opinion, would alleviate either the problem of trying to find out from the counties actually what the legitimate amount is that should go back to them from the state. Secondly, whether or not your amendment does anything about protecting the real estate base which must be assumed by somebody if it's narrowed.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Certainly my amendment addresses the first question. One of the problems we're going to have, with 100 percent exemption, is determining what the property is that you're sending a rebate back for. We've learned those lessons in terms of past history. We used to send money in for crops we didn't grow. Then we used to send money in for people who didn't work. Now we're sending money back for taxes not paid. Now Senator Schmit said this is going back where taxes are paid. There will be no taxes paid. We're sending money back to areas where taxes are not being paid, which is a very strange argument. From my knowledge, Senator Marvel, I don't understand. The counties have amendments circulating around now that ask for a five percent increase to establish the base to determine how much money should be returned. That is the answer to the first question. The amendment I propose is simple alleviation. It is a direct aid back to the local subdivisions. Give them back the money on a fair and equal basis. Secondly, in terms of real estate, you can bet when that property goes off with the \$70 million there is no question that real estate is going to go up in those areas. That was why the Governor and some others are hooking their claws to 31, which does not resolve that issue. LB 131 simply requests that the local subdivisions hold a hearing, stay below seven percent, unless they vote not to. In answer to both your questions, number one, I think this would simplify the matter and make it easy.

PRESIDENT: You have one minute, Senator Marvel.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I don't want to take anymore of your time.

SENATOR MARVEL: I have only one other comment. I hope somebody will address themselves to this later. If this amendment passes, will this money, or is it possible that this money can go back to alleviate the real estate taxes which will be replaced, and which then will be shifted to some other category. This is the point I'm trying to make. I've run out of time, but maybe we can bring this up at a later time. Whatever time I've got left, go ahead.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Certainly that is the proposal. The money would go, for instance Senator Marvel, to your district and I'm having a print-out made on this as quickly as I can, I did not intend to debate this today, showing exact dollars that you receive now under the program and exact projected dollars for each county. The handout I gave you the other day that shows your county, and the per capita return....

PRESIDENT: Your time is up, Senator Marvel.